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In re application of: Frederick Paul Benning et al. : Date: January 21, 2004  
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Examiner: Timothy V. Eley : Intellectual Property Law  
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Title: SELF-CLEANING COLLOIDAL  
SLURRY COMPOSITION AND  
PROCESS FOR FINISHING A  
SURFACE OF A SUBSTRATE : Rochester, MN 55901

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, Applicant makes the following amendments, election, and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

**Election to Restriction** is made on page 6 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this Response.

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